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To authorize the extension of nondiscriminatory treatment (normal trade relations treatment) to the products of Ukraine.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SCHAFER (for himself, Mr. HOEFFEL, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. CROWLEY, Mr. GUTIERREZ, Mr. WELDON of Pennsylvania, and Mrs. TAUSCHER) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. FINDINGS.**

4 Congress finds that Ukraine—

5 (1) allows its citizens the right and opportunity
6 to emigrate, free of any heavy tax on emigration or
7 on the visas or other documents required for emigra-
8 tion and free of any tax, levy, fine, fee, or other
9 charge on any citizens as a consequence of the desire

1 of such citizens to emigrate to the country of their
2 choice;

3 (2) has received normal trade relations treat-
4 ment since concluding a bilateral trade agreement
5 with the United States that entered into force on
6 June 1992, and has been found to be in full compli-
7 ance with the freedom of emigration requirements
8 under title IV of the Trade Act of 1974 since 1997;

9 (3) is in the process of acceding to the World
10 Trade Organization;

11 (4) since gaining independence in 1991, has
12 taken important steps toward the creation of demo-
13 cratic institutions and a free-market economy;

14 (5) as a participating state of the Organization
15 for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE),
16 has committed to OSCE principles regarding human
17 rights, and to addressing issues related to the na-
18 tional and religious minorities in Ukraine, ensuring
19 that persons belonging to minority groups enjoy full
20 equality both individually and communally;

21 (6) has enacted legislation providing protection
22 against incitement to violence against persons or
23 groups based on national, racial, ethnic, or religious
24 discrimination, including anti-Semitism;

1 (7) is continuing the restitution of religious
2 properties, including communal properties con-
3 fiscated from national and religious minorities dur-
4 ing the Soviet era, is facilitating the revival of those
5 minority groups, and is in the process of developing
6 a legislative framework for completing this process;
7 and

8 (8) has demonstrated a strong desire to build a
9 friendly and cooperative relationship with the United
10 States, and has been an unwavering ally in the
11 struggle against international terrorism that has
12 taken place since the attacks against the United
13 States that occurred on September 11, 2001.

14 **SEC. 2. TERMINATION OF APPLICATION OF TITLE IV OF**
15 **THE TRADE ACT OF 1974 TO UKRAINE.**

16 (a) PRESIDENTIAL DETERMINATIONS AND EXTEN-
17 SIONS OF NONDISCRIMINATORY TREATMENT.—Notwith-
18 standing any provision of title IV of the Trade Act of 1974
19 (19 U.S.C. 2431 et seq.), the President may—

20 (1) determine that such title should no longer
21 apply to Ukraine; and

22 (2) after making a determination under para-
23 graph (1) with respect to Ukraine, proclaim the ex-
24 tension of nondiscriminatory treatment (normal

1 trade relations treatment) to the products of that
2 country.

3 (b) TERMINATION OF APPLICATION OF TITLE IV.—

4 On and after the effective date of the extension under sub-
5 section (a)(2) of nondiscriminatory treatment to the prod-
6 ucts of Ukraine, title IV of the Trade Act of 1974 shall
7 cease to apply to that country.

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